

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of automatically building a community of members based on a primary interest of the members, the method comprising:

 providing community templates classifying primary interests of members into community types depending on the primary interests;

 selecting a community template based on a primary interest; and

 creating a community place for members to share information.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the templates include predefined templates according to a community types, wherein the templates include at least one of human interest, corporate interest, interest in cross-discipline knowledge exchange, interest in the same business objects, interest in the same tool, interest in the same organization, and interest in the same activity.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing the community of members the ability to communicate over predefined communication channel types, wherein the communication channel types include at least one of an operational type, strategic type, and up-to-date type.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing the community of members the ability to communicate within a communication channel using predefined message

types based on the requirements of the community of members.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing the community of members with synchronous and/or asynchronous services for interaction with other members, wherein interaction includes at least one of communicating with members, sharing information with members and coordinating activities with members.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising assigning roles to members of the community based on their social roles and/or responsibilities in the community, wherein the roles include at least one of an administrator for creating a community template, a manager for instantiating a community, and an end user as a member of the community.

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a component having functions to allow a member to create, edit, delete and organize community templates.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing access to a corporate wide catalog of predefined vocabularies of interests including at least one of product line, tools, activities and business topics.

9. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing access to communities by linking to a corporate wide catalog of vocabularies of interests and by listing existing communities according to a primary interest.

10. The method of claim 1 further comprising defining primary interests by adding borders that cross one or more different classifications.
11. The method of claim 1 further comprising providing access to a people finder tool to allow identification of people having a primary interest.
12. The method of claim 11 further comprising updating a list of members of a community by applying dynamic queries using the people finder tool.
13. The method of claim 11 further comprising notifying people about the existence of a community including that they been identified as potential member of the community.
14. The method of claim 11 further comprising notifying a member of the community in response to an updated list of members indicating potential new members to the community.
15. An article comprising a machine-readable medium storing instructions operable to cause one or more machines to perform operations comprising:
 - providing community templates classifying primary interests of members into community types depending on the primary interests;

selecting a community template based on a primary interest; and
creating a community place for members to share information.

16. The article of claim 15 wherein the templates include predefined templates according to a community types, wherein the templates include at least one of human interest, corporate interest, interest in cross-discipline knowledge exchange, interest in the same business objects, interest in the same tool, interest in the same organization, and interest in the same activity.

17. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing the community of members the ability to communicate over predefined communication channel types, wherein the communication channel types include at least one of an operational type, strategic type, and up-to-date type.

18. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing the community of members the ability to communicate within a communication channel using predefined message types based on the requirements of the community of members.

19. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing the community of members with synchronous and/or asynchronous services for interaction with other members, wherein interaction includes at least one of communicating with members, sharing information with members and coordinating activities with members.

20. The article of claim 15 further comprising assigning roles to members of the community based on their social roles and/or responsibilities in the community, wherein the roles include at least one of an administrator for creating a community template, a manager for instantiating a community, and an end user as a member of the community.

21. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing a component having functions to allow a member to create, edit, delete and organize community templates.

22. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing access to a corporate wide catalog of predefined vocabularies of interests including at least one of product line, tools, activities and business topics.

23. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing access to communities by linking to a corporate wide catalog of vocabularies of interests and by listing existing communities according to a primary interest.

24. The article of claim 15 further comprising defining primary interests by adding borders that cross one or more different classifications.

25. The article of claim 15 further comprising providing access to a people finder tool to allow identification of people having a primary interest.

26. The article of claim 25 further comprising updating a list of members of a community by applying dynamic queries using the people finder tool.

27. The article of claim 25 further comprising notifying people about the existence of a community including that they been identified as potential member of the community.

28. The article of claim 25 further comprising notifying a member of the community in response to an updated list of members indicating potential new members to the community.

29. An enterprise management consolidation system comprising:
a cross-functional application to provide communication between at least one of an object modeling tool, a process modeling tool and a user interface tool, wherein the user interface tool includes a computer implementing a method of automatically building a community of members based on a primary interest of the members, the method comprising:

providing community templates classifying primary interest of members into community types depending on the primary interests;
selecting a community template based on a primary interest; and
creating a community place for members to share information.

30. The system of claim 29 wherein the templates include predefined templates according to a community types, wherein the templates include at least one of human interest, corporate interest, interest in cross-discipline knowledge exchange, interest in the same business objects, interest in the same tool, interest in the same organization, and interest in the same activity.

31. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing the community of members the ability to communicate over predefined communication channel types, wherein the communication channel types include at least one of an operational type, strategic type, and up-to-date type.

32. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing the community of members the ability to communicate within a communication channel using predefined message types based on the requirements of the community of members.

33. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing the community of members with synchronous and/or asynchronous services for interaction with other members, wherein interaction includes at least one of communicating with members, sharing information with members and coordinating activities with members.

34. The system of claim 29 further comprising assigning roles to members of the

community based on their social roles and/or responsibilities in the community, wherein the roles include at least one of an administrator for creating a community template, a manager for instantiating a community, and an end user as a member of the community.

35. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing a component having functions to allow a member to create, edit, delete and organize community templates.

36. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing access to a corporate wide catalog of predefined vocabularies of interests including at least one of product line, tools, activities and business topics.

37. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing access to communities by linking to a corporate wide catalog of vocabularies of interests and by listing existing communities according to a primary interest.

38. The system of claim 29 further comprising defining primary interests by adding borders that cross one or more different classifications.

39. The system of claim 29 further comprising providing access to a people finder tool to allow identification of people having a primary interest.